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In re Application of  
G. Scott Barbieri et al.  
Application No. 09/733,626  
Filed: December 8, 2000  
For: SLIDING DEVICE

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO WITHDRAW THE  
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

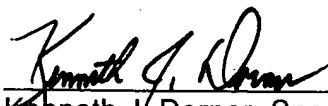
This is in response to applicants' petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181(a), filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 9, 2002 and supplemented on May 29, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that an Office action was mailed to the applicants on May 6, 2002 wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set. Since no timely response to the May 6, 2002 Office action was received, the application was held to be abandoned, and a notice to that effect was mailed on December 17, 2002.

Applicant's petition includes a copy of a response bearing a Certificate of Facsimile Transmittal date of July 30, 2002. A statement by Jason Honeyman was received on May 29, 2003, which attests to the personal knowledge of the transmission of the response on the date indicated on the Certificate of Facsimile Transmittal. This is sufficient evidence of a timely response.

Since a timely response to the Office action was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the response filed with the petition, and then to the Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the application.

  
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